

**Amendments to the Specification**

Please replace paragraph [0012] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0012] Stamp producing data, sent from the cellular phones 12a-12d, are sent to a host computer 18, connected to the stamp producing device 19 in the form of e-mail. The e-mail text data contains, as will be described below, data to be engraved on a stamp material of the stamp 20. In this exemplary embodiment, the e-mail, containing text information, may be sent from the cellular phones 12a-12d to a base station 13 of the cellular phone service company, and then to a public line switching station ~~15~~10 via a cellular phone switching station 14. In this exemplary embodiment, the e-mail is converted into analog signals at any one of these stations and sent, via a public line, to a modem 17 connected to the host computer 18. The modem 17 then converts the e-mail from analog to digital signals for processing by the host computer 18.

Please replace paragraph [0015] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0015] Referring to Figs. 2 and 3, the structure of the stamp producing device 19 will be described. Fig. 2 is a general perspective view of the stamp producing device 19 shown in Fig. 1. Fig. 3 is a general cross-sectional view of the stamp producing device shown in Fig. 2. The stamp producing device 19 has a film magazine 24, that is removable from a device body 22 and which stores a number of original films 23. The stamp producing device 19 also has a supply port 25, located near the film magazine 24, for supplying cut ~~sheets~~sheets CS for stamp identification labels. The stamp producing device 19 also has a print unit 27 that is provided with a thermal printhead 26. The stamp producing device 19 also has a stamp unit 29 for forming a stamp-face on a stamp material (not shown) located at a lower surface of the stamp body 28, based on the printed original film 23. The stamp producing device 19 also has a stamp storage 30 for storing the stamp body 28 during stamp-face forming, and a

discharge port 31 located near the stamp unit 29 in the device body ~~2-22~~ for discharging the cut ~~sheets-sheets~~ CS and the original films 23.

Please replace paragraph [0016] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0016] As shown in Figs. 2 and 3, a head holder unit 32, provided on an upper surface of the print unit 27, has on its lower side a thermal printhead 26 that is upwardly pivotable about a shaft 33, thereby allowing maintenance of the device. A leading edge of the uppermost original film 23 in the film magazine 24 is pressed into contact with a supply roller 34. When the supply roller 34 is rotated, the original film 23 is properly fed to the print unit 27. The cut ~~sheet-sheet~~ CS is fed by a pair of feed rollers 35, 36 immediately behind the supply port 25 to the thermal printhead 26. A sheet guide 37 and a guide rail 38 also act to direct the cut ~~sheet-sheet~~ CS toward the thermal ~~head-printhead~~ 26.

Please replace paragraph [0017] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0017] The print unit 27 is provided with a supply roll 40a and a take-up roll 40b of thermal transfer ribbon 39 covered with a wax-base ink. A platen 42, provided below the thermal printhead 26, is located on the lower side of the head holder unit 32. Provided below the supply roll 40a, are the guide rail 38 for guiding the original film 23 and the cut ~~sheet-sheet~~ CS to a space between the thermal printhead 26 and the platen 42, and a presser guide 43 for preventing the original film 23 and the cut ~~sheet-sheet~~ CS from floating while being fed. In addition, downstream to the thermal printhead 26 are a transport guide 44 and a pair of supply rollers 45.

Please replace paragraph [0019] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0019] The stamp producing device 19 is connected to the host computer 18 and executes, in various exemplary embodiments, various operations under the control of the host computer 18, such as: printing a positive image on the original film 23; printing an

identification label on the cut-sheet sheet CS; and engraving an image on the stamp material, based on the positive image printed on the original film 23.

Please replace paragraph [0021] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0021] In various exemplary embodiments, a positive image, including letters, graphics and the like, is printed by the thermal printhead 26 on the cut ~~sheet~~ sheet CS fed from the supply port 25, instead of the original film 23, and the printed cut ~~sheet~~ sheet CS is then discharged from the discharge port 31. The cut ~~sheet~~ sheet CS may be pasted to the stamp body 28 as an identification label. In an alternative embodiment, the thermal printhead 26 may print a graphic image, a name, and an address on a personalized name card that replaces the cut-sheet sheet CS. Similarly, the thermal printhead may print a positive photographic image, for example, a photo of a person's face, on a sticker/label that replaces the cut-sheet sheet CS.

Please replace paragraph [0033] of the following rewritten paragraph:

[0033] In various exemplary embodiments, the CPU 91 may control the head driving circuit 96 and the motor driving circuit 97, based on the control program stored in the ROM 92 and the dot matrix data stored in the image buffer of the RAM 93. Thereby, an ordered stamp-face image may be printed by the thermal printhead 26 on the original film 23 or the cut-sheet sheet CS, and the original film 23 may be used for engraving the stamp-face image on the stamp material.

Please replace paragraph [0036] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0036] In step S1 of Fig. 5, customers 11a-11d use their respective cellular phones 12a-12d to compose e-mail containing text data for an order of a personalized stamp. The e-mail, in this exemplary embodiment, is composed by following a predetermined rule to facilitate editing by the host computer 18. The rule may be to enter a number of text entries by delimiting each entry by a predetermined symbol, for example, a semicolon ";". As shown

in ~~Fig. 2~~Fig. 12, the customers may be notified of such an e-mail composing rule by the previously supplied brochure 101.

Please replace paragraph [0044] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0044] In the initialization step S51, as shown in Fig. 6, a read-pointer stored in the RAM 83 of the host computer 18 for indicating an e-mail read-point is moved to the beginning of the piece of e-mail to be edited. Fig. 7 shows a flowchart of an initialization subroutine in the e-mail editing process of Fig. 6. In the initialization step S51, control proceeds to step S510, where the read-pointer is moved to the head of the piece of mail. The initialization subroutine then ends and control returns to the initialization step S51.

Please replace paragraph [0048] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0048] ~~When~~In step S527, when the text code is not a code for the end of the body of the piece of e-mail, as shown in step S525: NO, the text code retrieved in step S522 is written into the stamp type buffer. Then, in step S528, the read-pointer is incremented by one and, in step S529, the stamp type buffer write-pointer is also incremented by one. Subsequently, control returns to step S522. By iterating these steps, the text code representing the stamp type, for example, "1" or "2" in this exemplary embodiment, is written into the stamp type buffer in the RAM 83 of the host computer 18.

Please replace paragraph [0052] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0052] In the address retrieving step S54 of Fig. 6, the content of an address buffer, for example, address buffer 0, in the RAM 83, is cleared in step S540, as shown in Fig. 10. In step S541, a write-pointer for indicating a data write-point in the address buffer 0 is then initialized. In step S542, text code at a point indicated by the read-pointer is retrieved from the body of the piece of e-mail. It is then determined, in step ~~534~~S543, whether the text code is attached to and indicative of the end of the body of the piece of e-mail or whether retrieval of a text code failed in step S542. When the text code is a code indicative of the end of the

body of the piece of e-mail, as in step S543: YES, this subroutine is completed on the assumption that the address data has already been retrieved.

Please replace paragraph [0053] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0053] ~~When~~In step S544, when the text code is not a code indicative of the end of the body of the piece of e-mail, as shown in step S543: NO, the text code retrieved in step S542 is written into the address buffer 0. In step ~~S544~~S545, the read-pointer is incremented by one and, in step S546, the address buffer 0 write-pointer is also incremented by one. Subsequently, control returns to step S542. By iterating these steps, text data representing the address entered by the customer is written into the address buffer 0 in the RAM 83 of the host computer 18.

Please replace paragraph [0100] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0100] ~~When~~In step S827, when the text code is determined not to be a code indicative of the end of the body of the piece of e-mail, as shown in step S825: NO, the text code retrieved in step S822 is written into the stamp type buffer. In the step S828, the read-pointer is then incremented by one and, in step S829, the stamp type buffer write-pointer is also incremented by one. Subsequently, control returns to step S822. By iterating these steps, the text code representing the stamp type, for example, "1" or "2" in this exemplary embodiment, is written into the stamp type buffer in the RAM 83 of the output terminal 17a or 17b.

Please replace paragraph [0103] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0103] ~~When~~In step S837, when the text code is not a code indicative of the end of the body of the piece of e-mail, as shown in step S835: NO, the text code retrieved in step S832 is written into the name buffer 0. In step S838, the read-pointer is then incremented by one and, in step S839, the name buffer 0 write-pointer is also incremented by one. Subsequently, control returns to step S832. By iterating these steps, text data representing the

name entered by the customer is written into the name buffer 0 in the RAM 83 of the output terminal 17a or 17b.

Please replace paragraph [0109] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0109] In step S858S853, it is determined whether the text code is a code attached to and indicative of the end of the body of the piece of e-mail or whether retrieval of a text code failed in step S852. When the text code is a code indicative of the end of the body of the piece of e-mail, as shown in step S853: YES, this subroutine is completed on the assumption that the delivery point data has already been retrieved.

Please replace paragraph [0122] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0122] In the ~~forth~~ fourth exemplary embodiment, a wireless short-range data communication technique is adopted as a data communication interface between the cellular phones 12a-12d and the host computer 18. This allows only cellular phones located within a relatively short range from the host computer 18 to communicate with the host computer 18. For example, if Bluetooth using a carrier frequency band of 2.4 GHz is adopted as the wireless short-range data communication technique, only cellular phones located within approximately 10 m from the host computer 18 can communicate with the host computer 18. Thus, as shown in Fig. 34, the cellular phones 12a, 12b, 12c may transmit data to the host computer 18, but the cellular phone 12d cannot. The adoption of, for example, Bluetooth advantageously enables high-speed data transmission between cellular phones and the host computer 18 at approximately 1M bit/second even when there is an obstruction therebetween.

Please replace paragraph [0126] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0126] Similar to the wireless unit 70 of the cellular phone 12a, the wireless unit 77 of the host computer 18 in this exemplary embodiment is also structured in conformity with the short-range wireless data transmission standard, such as, Bluetooth. The wireless unit 77 receives data transmitted from the cellular phones 12a-12d via the antenna 78. Conversely,

the wireless unit 77 is also used to transmit voice data and text data, as digital signals, from the antenna 78 to the cellular phones 12a-12d. In accordance with a signal sent from CPU 81,  
a wireless unit controller 76 controls the wireless unit 77 which is connected thereto.